

Earth First! Action Update

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'Why participate in the rats of creation when you can participate in the creation of rats.'

NEWBURY: THE BATTLE CONTINUES!

COSTAIN EGM'S

Costain, Independent Shareholders Association (CISA), launched its 'Costain Christmas appeal' on Monday 22nd December for the employees of Costain and its subcontractors (who have most to lose when Costain go into receivership). Santa shook a collecting tin while singers accompanied with carols such as 'O little town of Newbury'. Contributions were surprisingly low. Most just were offered to security but were rejected. *hunting*

At Costain's December 27th Extraordinary General Meeting, CISA voting into action as the Hazard waste London Arena (capacity 16,000). (Earlier round for the Green Costain Clothing Down Sale, proceeds to the Costain Christmas Appeal. Everyone must go, huge liabilities and buy assets like you've never seen before!) Costain's US coal interests were represented by a coal bag of hot air.

Compagons gathered at the second of Costain's EGM's on January 6th, which was more like a farcical pantomime or a rugby match than a formal meeting. People ignored the obvious attempt at intimidation by the presence of 50-60 dark suited security guards and were chanting, shouting and trying to break through the lines of security as soon as the stage before the new chairman "duffy" Sharriff had even finished his opening speech. Finally he allowed some questions, all but one of which concerned the environmental damage wreaked on the planet by Costain. Two activists by security or protestors were warned, one proven suffering convulsion. A formal complaint is currently being investigated by the police.

GEORGE YOUNG'S GARDEN

On Wednesday 8th January twenty-five people from Reading, Roadhouses, Third Battle of Newbury and Reclaim the Rivers converged on the magical site of the Transport Minister's Sir George Young's country house (he is in fact one of his three houses). George also known as the bulldozer, no sorry, bullying baronet, was really not at this particular home on the day, though his two dogs were and seemed glad of the unexpected company.

Baroness programming 'Save Newbury's Landscape' and 'Newbury now where next?' were hung from the roof. A couple of people found a window conveniently open on the Cockburn address and filmed a 'through the keyhole', Alan Partridge style! Meanwhile, to the delight of the assembled party, people got busy denouncing the joys of building a bypass by digging up Young's lawn and spraying a line down the middle of the 'new road'. It was hoped that the action might win help for George in making the right decision concerning the Sandbury Bypass, a decision to be taken soon.

The police were the best bit and arrived just as the turf was being replaced. Later though three vehicles were prevented from leaving and four ten occupants arrested and later charged, with conspiracy to cause criminal damage and actually causing criminal damage. Several were released in the early hours of the morning in the freezing snow, minus their shoes, which were kept as



'Thank God for the Green Action Protestors' - A member of Green Action Protestors

evidence. Three were held overnight in face of obvious bad intentions that mean they cannot protest anywhere in the country! This is to be updated.

NIGHT ACTIONS

People gathered from Thursday 9th January for the planned days of events. A safe camp site had been set up away from the motor and around one hundred and fifty people were around for the Friday morning actions in the early hours of Friday morning. Affinity groups left in transport and made their way in various compounds across

the roads. At the Action compound people entered through holes that had been cut in the fence, lights were destroyed and a crane occupied for a while to send security brought in crash mats and threatened to push people off! Other compounds had similar results. There were a few arrests but most people were released relatively quickly and all was over by early afternoon with people regrouping at the western camp for food and music. The night members at the map grew drastically with another hundred or so people arriving from all over the country.

REUNION RAMPAGE

On Saturday 11th around eight hundred to one thousand people turned up throughout the morning and made their way to the compound at Middle Oak where some people dressed the fence with posters, ribbons etc.

People then moved to a nearby field to hear speakers that included Charles Secret, Director of Friends of the Earth and Jill Esler from Third Battle. After the speeches the mass of people moved back to the compound. There was no resistance about what people wanted and fences were rapidly pulled over in a number of places despite the best efforts of the police whose attempts to keep people out included charging horses up and down the fence line and managing to run on person over, who then had to be taken to hospital. After a large number of people had made it through the fence the police gave up trying to contain the mass and most of the crowd then entered without incident.

After a massive tree bag around Middle Oak people proceeded to occupy machinery. There were small scuffles with security as people tried to occupy the large crane but after a few minutes security withdrew and people took control of it. People then went on to smash the engine rooms of the main gate and the winders were shortly after. Tyres on the earthmovers were punctured and lights were smashed. A contractor's lorry was nearly tipped over and was only saved by the intervention of the police. Shortly after this the police ordered a tactical withdrawal and left everyone in it.

Later on in the evening a kip up took, persuasion and the crane were set alight. People seemed to think this was a wise move to leave and the mass went to regroup outside the fence and then dispersed over the night in small groups. Several people were arrested over the course of the day, if you were one of them, get in touch with Third Battle to keep them updated on court appearances etc. For this and more general details contact them on 01628 45544.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Issue 2 of Delta, the publication that carries news on the Ogons, Shell and Nigeria, is available for £1.00 including postage from Delta, Box Z, 13 Biddulph Street, Lewes, LE2 1BB. Yearly subscriptions are a minimum of £3.00 for four issues.

There will hopefully be a South West Regional Earth First! Gathering around New March or early April time. More information to follow soon.

There is now an Earth First! Northern Newsworld Newsletter. For a copy send an SAE and a photocopying donation to EFN Newsletter, York EPI c/o York LBAF, York House 1496, 154 Clifford Street, York. Telephone: 01904 410185 or e-mail: efnnewsworld@uk.net. There is also an EFN joined Northern Newsworld (in April), if you can help the contact is also York EPI.

In London a semi-permanent set of tree workshops has been established for anyone who wants to learn the basics of climbing, prunings, and putting up and negotiating rope walks, will not have to visit one of a busy ready go-out on the site. Contact: London Ruckin The Trees on 0171 281 4025.

The Autumn issue of the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group Newsletter is out now. Available for £1.50 from ALFPG, BCM 1150, London W1N 5XX.

There is to be a three week Diner Action Tour of Germany this May. It will involve citizens to exchange skills, build workshops and pass other people in action. Some of the German activists will be coming back to the UK in June. For more details contact Lane Earth First on 01526 844 313.

The Earth First! Action Update has two copies of Voice, a German language Animal Liberation magazine that we cannot read. Anyone that wants them should send an A4 SAE to the Action Update.

The second issue of Corporate Watch magazine is now available for £1.50, including postage from Corporate Watch, Box 1, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford OX4 1RQ.

Minist' company Transport MacFarlane part owned by the British based Rio Tinto Zinc, has avoided an investigation by the World Bank into the raising of its gold mine in West Papua by cancelling their World Bank resource. The original decision to investigate the raising of the mine came after resistance from local people. This result reinforces the fact that resistance on State and Corporation bodies to protect people and the environment is only kept in place, and the only answer is autonomous resistance and grass roots direct action by the people affected and their allies.

M77 OPENS

On 6th December Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth came to Glasgow to open the tunnel majority that is the M77. Deciding the possibility of ex-Police Free States causing a disruption of the opening ceremony the exact location of it was kept secret, even the press didn't know until the last minute.

Despite this setback the road had only been opened a few minutes when six people moved to the central reservation and found a pipe-baked human chain surrounded with the central barrier, in front of assembled press, a large police presence and Corbin's (the worst of the worst) company.

After trying and failing to separate the protesters, the police called in the contractors and the central barrier was dismantled. Eventually the protesters were let away, still connected, and with some difficulty they were folded into the waiting police van. All were charged with breach of the Peace and held for seventy-two hours at Govan Police Station.

The Group in Police Free State may have been dismantled, but what remains is a beautiful place where tunnel would have been, a threat to the love and energy of those who were there.

RUSSLAND BEECHES

The Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) acquired the Rusland Broads in or before 1964 "to preserve their ancient value and conserve wildlife", but they now want to fill the lot.

A petition of 1,500 signatures was handed into the LDNPA and an independent report commissioned and paid for by locals, and South Lakeland P.N.L. found that the majority of the trees are very healthy and say that two hundred years for Beeches is only "one use" from a timber production point of view. A group of seven tree surgeons have offered to do some sensitive tree surgery work for free so they know that it all there is a need for.

The LDNPA, despite their ancient care that the rusland trees are so old and in such bad condition that they are a danger to passing motorists. Locals are awaiting a report from the DofC that could tell Free Preservation Orders on the Beeches which would give the final clearance for the trees to be felled, but there is still hope that the felling will not go ahead. The special report is expected any day now. If the decision goes against local workers there may be a call out for direct action. Local campaigners have also had police on the phone warning names of people involved in going up there to help defend trees? They refused Contact: 01524 343631.

ANTI GE ACTIONS

Throughout December there were numerous actions across Europe against the arrival of Monsanto's genetically modified "Roundup Ready Soya" as well as Ciba Geigy's Bt Maize that has just been given the go-ahead for importation into Europe by the European Commission.

December 11th saw Greenpeace paying visits to the nine directors of Landerer where they planned huge 'X's' in their gardens. Unless in Britain's largest food manufacturer and they are refusing to label food containing GE soya here in Britain although they have assured German consumers that they will have a choice. This was one of dozens of actions by Greenpeace world wide against Genetic Engineering in the last two months.

The 14th December the International Day of Action against Genetic Engineering, saw supermarket managers around the country standing around parking as their customers were labelled about the possible dangers of the G.E. food that will

be on shelves, unlabelled, any day now. (Soya is present in 60% of all processed food.) Thousands of protesters were seen by Richard The Streets in London and Ruth Goss Parsons Group, to help bring the message home in both states.

In Liverpool on 17th December six activists climbed into Cargill's soya processing plant and marked soya filled with large 'X's' in rows of contamination.

In their press release they said that Cargill were ending ecological catastrophe and were abusing their control over the market by refusing British consumers the right to choose not to eat genetically manipulated food, and demanded that the company stop the import of Genetically Engineered soya. Cargill hold the monopoly on the production of soya oil and protein in this country. One of Ciba Geigy's compounds in Manchester, Cheshire also had a visit, with huge 'X's' being sprayed on their entrance and message sprayed all down one wall warning of the 'Genetic Hazard Inside'.

Meanwhile in Denmark the offices of Monsanto, owner of the patent on the herbicide "Roundup" and the company behind the genetically manipulated soya bean of the same name, were occupied for many hours with activists d-docking onto the structure.

Greenpeace now have available their campaign pack on Genetic Engineering, and it is a must for anyone who would like more information. You can call them on 0175 885 8100. Manchester Earth First! also have information on upcoming actions and can be contacted on 0161 224 4446.

If you have information to send out on the above subject, or want receive information on actions and the latest news via e-mail contact efn@ape.org.

MCLIBEL TRIAL ENDS!

After two years of testimony and eight weeks of closing speeches, the final legal arguments in the MCLIBEL trial were completed on 13th December. All that is left now is the judge's voluminous judgement, which is expected sometime from March 1997.

On the last day of final submissions Mr Justice Bell said: "I will say now that I propose to reserve my judgement. It will take me some time to write it. I don't mean to be difficult when I say I don't know when I will deliver it because I don't know." He denied newspaper reports that his ruling would come at the beginning of 1997 or early 1997, adding, "It will take me longer than that".

The MCLIBEL Campaign is calling for an international 'Victory Day of Action' on the Saturday after the verdict in the UK, it is hoped that the majority of McDonald's 750 stores will be notified on that day. If you live in the UK, please avoid in the co-ordinated defiance on the day of action by adopting your local store. Contact the MCLIBEL Support Campaign for an 'Adopt a Store' form to complete on 0117 713 1269.

SKYE HELICOPTERS

Residents on the Isle of Skye are extremely worried that the tranquility of one of the most beautiful and tranquil areas on the islands will be ruined if the latest tourist plans are given approval. Skye Helicopters hope to start sightseeing helicopter flights and the Cullins.

An application has been made for three helipads in Skye, one for tourist flights, one for a mountain rescue helicopter and the other for a bracon spraying helicopter. All activities there will be five flights an hour each lasting ten minutes through Easter September, disrupting the peaceful nature that the area is known for.

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By Post: Earth First! Action Update, PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY. By Phone: 0171 563 9946. By E-Mail: efnupdate@nigape.org.

Please enclose a SAE for replies, and to subscribe to the free e-mail server send in your details.

Earth First! Website address: <http://www.earthfirst.org.uk/efnupdate/efnupdate.html>

NABURN WOODS

Clearance work has started at Naburn Woods, in York is readiness for a huge out of town shopping centre. However, the activity has been sporadic and York EP have been unfortunate that all the days that they planned to stop work have been busy with snow or scheduled events.

On December 14th a select few activists paid a visit to the developer's (BAA McArthur Glen's) existing shopping centre near Eboracore Post. People climbed on the roof and explained the route through a bushland to the generally supportive crowd. The rest of the day was spent leafleting and getting thrown out several times by increasingly more security. Although numbers were small, they did make an impact, especially on shops which may be considering moving in the Naburn scheme and some interest has already been shown in returning to do the job properly in the near future. Contact: York EP 01904-418185

PRESSEMAN WOODS

On the East Coast of Scotland, twenty five miles from Edinburgh, lies a tiny fragment of the once immense Caledonian forest that covered large areas of Scotland. This place of 13,000 year old oak woodland is yet another area that has fallen into the hands of the people that put profit before life. John Kinward, the local landowner, along with the Forestry Commission, want to cut around 350 mature oaks - more than the wood for the enjoyment of future generations.

What they fail to realise is that such an amount of felling would severely damage the eco-system within the wood and would open the wood to potentially devastating wind damage - never mind the fact that such loss has a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on it.

Once the trees have been cut they are likely to be sold to a furniture or manufacturing or timber dashboard vendors - so it is not hard to see why they are so eager to 'thin the wood'. If there is a big enough number of people opposed to the scheme it is likely that they will back down. A camp has already been set up to come and defend this priceless piece of Scotland for more details contact 0131 228 2193 or 01638 850630

KIRKSTALL DEVELOPMENTS

On the 18th December 1998 Earth First! activists stormed the headquarters of Morrison's supermarket in Bradford and occupied the Managing Director's office for one and a half hours. The action was in support of the residents of Kirkstall who are fighting the building of a road supermarket and petrol station, all of which are to be financed by this supermarket chain.

Originally there was a people's plan of mixed sustainable use for the site developed by the local community put forward - but a central Government didn't like this idea so they proceeded to take the land and give it to one of their Queens, who then sold it legally to a development firm.

Local Earth First! divided enough was enough and went to pay Mr Morrison's a visit. Two security guards simply looked on as the EP's charged up the stairs to Ken's office. While there they spent through Xmas cards from such folk as Procter and Gamble and Nestle, and enjoyed a cuppa. There was also a very interesting article spotted on the Managing Director's desk referring to 'emerging developments in Yorkshire'.

When police eventually arrived one hour later they pointed out to Ken that no charges could be made for alleged libel as it was a civil matter. At this point Ken agreed to a meeting (initially January Action will be continuing if necessary). For more details contact Leeds Earth First! on 0113 262 4165

BP PICKET

On December 10th, World Human Rights day, a picket was held outside the London headquarters of British Petroleum, Britain's number one company.

The picket was to highlight the ecological devastation caused by BP and their apocalyptic work, and personal funding of death-squads in Colombia. BP have handed over to the local railway 16th Brigade, video and photographic evidence of state sponsored environmental and peasant farmers who have died to complain about the oil spillage's which have poisoned rivers, crops and livestock. Just days later these protesters have been beaten, tortured or been found murdered.

Police presence at the picket was fairly minimal but as usual they played a very active role in working with the corporate lackeys to thwart almost every attempt to hang banners from the building. Eventually, a huge blood splattered 'bloody petroleum' banner, spray BP a corporate logo was unfurled right across the front of the building, much to the grey suited soldiers' annoyance. Another banner detailing the killings and BP's ecological damage in Colombia was hung between two trees directly opposite. In your face! The event was covered by Colombian news crews and there was a good turnout of Colombian activists, many of whom were at risk of arrest being deported or being hit in their country by the death squads who have very long arms.

On the morning of the picket outside BP HQ there was an attempt to stop and lock onto a BP van as it crossed the Dartford bridge in London. Although this was supposed to have been a well kept secret, the action was badly busted by the police immediately beforehand and therefore did not happen. It is not entirely clear how they know but it shows again the need for security measures to be taken seriously on such actions.

For details of future actions sign up BP contact London Reclaim The Streets on 0171 281 4621

STATELY PROTEST

It was Sunday 5th January and nearly one hundred anti-apartheid protesters gathered in the rolling snow-covered grounds of Chatsworth House in Derbyshire to visit the Duke of Devonshire.

Derbyshire has become one of the worst hot houses for open cast destruction and the Duke is allowing private developers to destroy part of his land on the Chatsworth estate (although obviously not land within view of the house).

He was well prepared for the day and even several quite excited in morning state visitors. He had the police wear people to put the 'closed to the public' signs and had his kitchen hands serve soup to the complaining persons when they arrived at his stately mansion. His night hand men rounded people up, handing out written statements condemning the Duke's comment on the proposed open casting, and saying that His Grace would be out in a minute to meet us.

It was an unexpected welcome but before long 'no open cast' flags and banners were out and a PA was blaring out the sounds of a heavy open-cast mine at work. These people found their way inside his residence and waved flags from the roof. The doleful old Duke emerged from his stately world to hear the peasants' comments. He told them that he cared about the environment but that he believed in a need for coal and jobs, and that decisions were at the hands of the politicians who represent the public, not us. He became upset to pity him then came back for being an earth report.

The peasants left him to his cards and thought what a wonderful summer party since Chatsworth House would be for more information on that and future actions contact the Mass Support Group on 0181 672 9698

EVENTS

JANUARY

- 30 Meet 12 noon for a monthly protest at the Bangladeshi High Commission, 28 Queens Gate, London SW7, to protest in tribal peoples' oppression in the Chitragong Hill Tract, Bangladesh. Contact: Survival International on 0171 242 1441
- 31 Blockade of Merweth Hill Spy Base call 01943 468593

FEBRUARY

- 1 National Day of Action Against Live Exports in Dover, Gilders etc. Contact: 01203 612872
- 6-7 Fastlane Peace Camp party and actions to welcome the birth of Spring. Contact: 01436 829801
- 8 National Day of Action Against Hunting. Contact: Thel Sabonius Association on 01273 622827
- 8 Street Party in Aylesford. Contact: London RTS for more details 0171 281 4621
- 14-16 First Anniversary of the Sea Empress disaster. Massimo D'Amico. Action to target the oil industry and Milford Haven Port Authority. Workshops, briefings, resource action and party. Contact: Caidogan Bay EP. Details of the campaign will be released from February 12th. Call 01799 812665
- 17-19 'Reclaim the Valleys III' the saga continues! Contact: Reclaim The Valleys c/o Swansea Environment Centre 0345 7111264
- 21 No M66 campaign action. Reclaim Dirty Roads! Anniversary of Dirty Nook camp eviction. Meet 11am at Dirty Nook Visitor Centre, Stanburyham Road. For more information call 0181 344 0225

- 28-23 Gathering at Merweth Women's Peace camp to learn more about the Merweth Hill Spy Base. Call 01943 468593

MARCH

- 14-17 Fastlane Peace Camp Women's Action. Bring tents, sleeping bags, hot/cold etc! For more details contact 01706 812563

APRIL

- 5-6 The Lead in Otter Gathering, location yet to be announced. For more details contact: 01865 723058

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WHATLEY QUARRY

A network of activists from around Somerset did an early morning shut down of Whatley Quarry on 14th December, blocking the gates all morning and preventing heavy movements. The quarry bosses were reduced to pleading with the army or to activists to let the lorry drivers pass through the gates to go home for the weekend. Actions at Whatley Quarry will continue, as every extra pound they lose makes destruction firms ABC a dire financial situation even worse and the likelihood of even more ecological devastation less of a possibility.

A number of people in the Somerset area have been arrested and have had equipment seized in connection with the railway trucks at Whatley Quarry that were sabotaged recently. An unknown number of people have been charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage and endanger life.

For further action details against Whatley Quarry or other Somerset Network events Contact Anna George Earth First! on 02233 448556 or South Somerset Earth First! on 01935 815074. Solidarity across regions: ABC around the country would also be very nice.

WELLS RELIEF ROAD

On Friday 13th January the official opening of the £3.5 million Wells 'Relief' Road was disrupted by thirty people. The new road is six kilometres long and ploughs through woodland and small playing fields. It has been stated that Wells will reach Mynar, had been invited to open it but was 'turned off the stage and didn't even get to cut the official opening ribbon as it was cancelled away from the stage by a strike how many of the protesters were local. When it became clear that a large number were, one protester called out, "how many of you officials are?" They decided to comment and John beat a quick retreat back to London!

DTI ACTIONS

Since the occupation of East Timor, one third of the population has been murdered and countless others have suffered human rights abuses at the hands of the Indonesian government.

Therese took part in the 505 week of action (2nd - 6th December) which called for a ban on arms to Indonesia. The week began with a walk-to-work service followed by a procession from Westminster Cathedral to join the protesters outside the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) as the week long vigil began. It is here that licences are signed for exporting weapons.

As part of an increasingly subtle and growing campaign, the week was particularly successful in

focusing public outrage at the government's intransigence on sending weapons to Suharto's repressive regime in Indonesia.

The week saw a series of actions including 60-60, a visit by a damaged lorry, Indonesia flag burning ceremonies staged by East Timorese as well as three separate demonstrations during proceedings in the House of Commons. Protesters were delighted when they were applauded there by sympathetic MP's led by MP Cymru Dafydd.

On December 9th, in defiance of public sentiment, the British Government announced that it had signed licences for a further fifty Alvin trucks and more Tacxos water cannons in Indonesia. For more information on the continuing campaign call CAAT on 0171 251 0297.

IRISH DIGEST

When he heard the news, he got pale and shied out and composed the banner. The message above he got in his car and drove into Lonsdale city and onto the Town Road to County Clare. Less than an hour after leaving his home in East Lonsdale the man, whose herd of cows had been killed by toxic pollution, was stood outside the gates of Syntex's chemical factory in Clonsilla with a banner letting everyone who cared to know what he thought about the Irish Environmental Protection Agency. "How can you license these people when you don't even know what killed my cattle?"

"I was overwhelmed", said one person who has been fighting Syntex's plans to build a toxic waste incinerator for the last part of a year, "that a very young old man whose livelihood had been destroyed could do something like this. We go up there to join him along with a risk of violence." That morning the EPA had turned down the company's appeal against the incinerator, effectively dismantling their fears about the health effects from toxic pollution. "We're being poisoned and the state doesn't care."

Contact: Ballyhoun Tashah Glas 00 353 82 46668

A30 LATEST

On the morning of December 27th, under cover of darkness, Under Sheriff Mr Coleman and pals crept onto Allerncombe and out walkways before Zoro the dog's 'Arraga' bark could be heard. There was little anyone could do with only five people on camp, most of Allerncombe's regulars having taken advantage of Christmas to visit friends and families for the first time in months.

People in the archbishop's castle and hardly had time to put on their coats before clonbers were awoken guests in their homes. Tunnels were quickly marked and the whole thing was over before breakfast. A sad end to what was considered by many to be the most beautiful of

son-residences.

On January 12th while people were away at Newbury, Mr Coleman struck again and this time it was Toller's men. Baffled, smelling experts and police entered the camp at around 3am and took away orders to move everyone. People had been more prepared than they had hoped and it was a struggle to remove people from underground last night as described by Coleman as "some of the best my operations have seen".

If by the time you read this Farnside has not been evicted, have your bag packed and ready with warm bedding, evasion stash and whatever else you may need and be ready for the call out. If of course you can spare the time now then head down there right away. There is still fun to be had by all - even prison and furies! There are three compounds now on route.

The forces of darkness would never have the battle to version underground themselves and so they've recently renovated a solid pit-hole at L500 a day to assist at the eviction of neo-activists from defunctive tunnels at Spinal Road in Newbury and the A30 camp. This person appears ready to be identified so as to make their life not worth living in the caving community, apparently he is already very nervous about his identity being discovered. If anyone has a photo of said scoundrel or if you have contacts with cavern-pit-holes please get in touch with both A30 Action on 0404 815729 as well as the Third Battle of Newbury office on 01635 42545.

MENWITH WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP

On the 18th night of the year the Amazon could still not be deterred from confronting the National Security Agency (NSA) at Menwith Hill. Considering that the NSA has spent the last year tightening security on the base it must have come as a surprise to them to find two inches of chain link fence missing. In the last (Womenwith) news they published a recipe to dismantle the 'youth' system which is a very tasty part of Menwith's spying operations (these antennas form a high frequency directional finding system vital to the function of the base). The women are delighted to report that this recipe has proved to be popular that it has driven Colonel G. Dickson Grizzle Jr (head spy) to introduce dogs to the site as a vain attempt to fend off prospective guests.

Menwith's last years actions are still going through court processes, including eighteen women charged with illegally entering the base and three charged with £15,000 worth of criminal damage to routers (okay golf balls) by writing anti-war slogans on them. These are lots of interesting events and women are always welcome to turn up at the camp. For more information call Menwith Women's Peace Camp on 01943 481593.

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